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SUBJECT: CSCE GROUP ROUNDUP

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1. SUMMARY. ALEKSANDR GINZBURG'S HEALTH REPORTEDLY IS  
THUS FAR UNIMPAIRED BY HIS IMPRISONMENT. HE MAY HAVE BEEN  
MOVED TO MOSCOW. YURIY ORLOV'S WIFE IS SURPRISED BY THE  
UNUSUALLY UNPLEASANT BEHAVIOR OF THE KGB OFFICERS WHO  
SEARCHED HER APARTMENT LAST WEEK. ROOM IN A HOSPITAL HAS  
SUDDENLY BEEN FOUND FOR AN OPERATION ON DISSIDENT GENERAL  
PETR GRIGORIENKO. THE TIMING IS APPARENTLY IN CONNECTION  
WITH SECRETARY VANCE'S VISIT. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO ARINA GINZBURG, WIFE OF JAILED CSCE GROUP  
MEMBER ALEKSANDR GINZBURG, HER HUSBAND MAY HAVE BEEN TRANS-  
FERRED FROM PRISON IN KALUGA TO MOSCOW. ALTHOUGH SHE  
HAS NOT SEEN HER HUSBAND SINCE HIS ARREST, SHE UNDER-  
STANDS THAT HIS HEALTH AND MORALE ARE BOTH HOLDING UP  
SURPRISINGLY WELL IN PRISON. IF GINZBURG HAS INDEED  
BEEN TRANSFERRED, SHE SEES THIS AS A SIGN THAT HIS  
CASE WILL BE RESOLVED FAIRLY SOON.

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3. WHILE MRS. GINZBURG FEARS THE WORST, SHE NOTED THAT  
THE CHANCES OF GINZBURG BEING EXILED MAY BE IMPROVED AS  
A RESULT OF THE ARREST OF JEWISH CSCE GROUP MEMBER  
ANATOLIY SHCHARANSKIY. SHE HOPES THAT SHCHARANSKIY'S  
ARREST WILL ENCOURAGE AMERICAN JEWRY TO PUT PRESSURE  
ON BOTH THE AMERICAN AND SOVIET GOVERNMENTS TO SECURE  
THE RELEASE OF ALL IMPRISONED CSCE GROUP MEMBERS.

4. MRS. GINZBURG SAID THAT SHE WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY WERE HER HUSBAND EXILED. WHILE HE WOULD BE MOST HAPPY TO LEAVE THE SOVIET UNION, SHE IS TIRED OF FIGHTING THE SYSTEM HERE AND WANTS ONLY TO BE WITH HER HUSBAND IN PEACE.

5. IRINA ORLOVA, WIFE OF JAILED CSCE GROUP LEADER YURIY ORLOV, TOLD US THAT SOVIET WRITER KORNILOV HAD JUST BEEN EXPELLED FROM THE UNION OF WRITERS BY DECISION OF A CLOSED SESSION AT WHICH HE WAS GIVEN LITTLE OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND HIMSELF. THE CHARGES THAT LED TO HIS EXPULSION INCLUDE HAVING BEEN PUBLISHED ABROAD WITHOUT PERMISSION, ANTI-COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES, AND MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOVIET CHAPTER OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL.

6. MRS. ORLOVA OBSERVED THAT DURING THE MOST RECENT SEARCH OF THE ORLOV APARTMENT (REFTEL) SHE WAS STRUCK BY THE COARSE MANNER OF THE KGB OFFICIALS. SHE NOTES THAT WHILE SHE IS ACCUSTOMED TO RUDENESS ON THE PART OF THE KGB, THE EIGHT OFFICERS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE SEARCH OF HER FLAT WERE REMARKABLE FOR THEIR PHYSICAL UGLINESS, SLOVENTLY DRESS AND RUDE, BELLIGERENT MANNER. SHE FEELS THAT THE KGB MAY HAVE DELIBERATELY CHOSEN UNPLEASANT OFFICERS IN ORDER TO TRY AND SCARE HER.

7. MRS. ORLOVA COMMENTED THAT IN ADDITION TO DOCUMENTS TAKEN, THE KGB ALSO TOOK ALL OF THE MONEY IN THE HOUSE. SHE IS AT A LOSS TO UNDERSTAND WHY THE AGENTS CONFISCATED SOVIET CURRENCY, AND ASSUMES THAT IT WAS OUT OF SHEER CONFIDENTIAL

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NASTINESS. A QUANTITY OF CERTIFICATE RUBLES WAS ALSO TAKEN; SO WAS THE RECEIPT WHICH PROVES THAT THEY WERE LEGALLY OBTAINED. SHE FEARS THAT THE AUTHORITIES MAY CHARGE HER HUSBAND WITH ILLEGAL FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS.

8. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE NOW THREE GROUPS MONITORING SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF SOVIET POLICY. OF THESE, ONLY ONE, CONCERNED WITH PSYCHIATRIC PRACTICES, IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE CSCE GROUP ITSELF. THE SECOND GROUP IS HEADED BY UNOFFICIAL ARTIST OSKAR RABIN; THE THIRD, BY THE DISSIDENT ORTHODOX PRIEST DUDKO, CONSISTS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE MOSTLY INVOLVED IN RELIGION. OUR SOURCES NOTED THAT THE FACT THAT THE TWO LATTER GROUPS ARE NOT DIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH THE CSCE GROUP MAY INCREASE THE CHANCES OF SUCCESS OF THEIR ACTIVITIES.

9. MRS. ORLOVA SAID THAT A RUMOR WAS GOING AROUND MOSCOW THAT GENERAL GRIGORIENKO WAS ABOUT TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL FOR AN OPERATION. SHE SAYS THAT THE OPERATION

IS ONE THAT CAN BE DONE AT ANY TIME. GRIGORIENKO HAS HAD  
DIFFICULTY FINDING SPACE IN A HOSPITAL UNTIL QUITE RECENTLY,  
AND ASSUMES THAT THE SPACE WAS FOUND FOR HIM IN ORDER TO  
INSURE THAT HE WAS OUT OF CIRCULATION DURING THE VISIT  
OF SECRETARY VANCE. ACCORDING TO MRS. ORLOVA, GRIGORIENKO  
INTENDS TO PUT OFF HIS OPERATION UNTIL AFTER THE SECRETARY'S  
VISIT.

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